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JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Follow-up report on the Management Advisory Service of the United Nations

Comments of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the members of the General Assembly his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Follow-up report on the Management Advisory Service of the United Nations" (A/46/327 and Corr.1).

ADDENDUM

Comments of the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has taken note of the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), contained in the follow-up report on the Management Advisory Service of the United Nations (JIU/REP/91/4), submitted to the General Assembly in document A/46/327 and Corr.1. He has noted, furthermore, in paragraph 20 of the report, that JIU has not, on this occasion, conducted a detailed review of the Service.

2. While agreeing with the Inspectors that there continues to be a need for the type of services provided by the Management Advisory Service and that the mandate assigned to the Service should be strengthened where necessary, he is of the view that further study is required before addressing a number of the specific recommendations put forward in the JIU report. He is of the opinion that insufficient justification is provided for two recommendations in particular. These are recommendations two and seven, proposing, respectively, that four Professional category posts at the senior level should be added to the Management Advisory Service through the creation of new posts or the redeployment of existing posts, and that the Service should report directly to the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management, rather than to the Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance (Controller), as under the current organizational structure.

3. In the light of the foregoing, the Secretary-General would suggest that the General Assembly defer consideration of the report until its forty-seventh session, at which time he would present the results of his own review of this subject.